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Christmastime at St. Alban's Church

Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 22, to the delight of the congregation, the annual Christmas Pageant took place during the 11:00 AM service. Blair Harris served as narrator. The roles of Mary & Joseph were portrayed by Shane & Reagan Lauritzen with their young son, Mads, representing the Baby Jesus. Children as well as adults participated in the roles of angels, shepherds, wise men etc. Special music for the service was provided by Patsy Simpson, organist, Lance Stewart, guitarist, Carolyn Sullins, violinist and St. Alban's Choir. The pageant was inspiring and set the mood for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day soon to follow.







ECW Luncheon & Ornament Exchange

The *ECW Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange* was held Saturday, December 7 at Main Street Market Café in Vicksburg. Twenty-seven women attended the 2019 event. Sharon Hanks, president of the ECW, welcomed everyone to the ‘ever-so-much-fun’ traditional luncheon. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Deacon in Charge, offered a beautiful blessing for the food and fellowship. Following the meal and ornament exchange, Sharon Hanks presented Rev. Deacons Josie Williams and Elisabeth Malphurs with gifts to show our appreciation for their ministry at St. Alban’s.







Lifting Lives Ministries

St. Alban's youth group, led by Richard and Susan Price, Betsy Selby, and Rev. Elisabeth prepared and served a hearty dinner on December 8 for the families at *Lifting Lives Family Shelter*. Our youth fixed chili, spaghetti with meat sauce, bread and brownies, putting every inch of our new kitchen to use in the process. After cooking the food, we drove it over to the shelter and served and ate with the families there. The youth enjoyed some post-dinner basketball with the youth at the shelter. Many thanks to Stacy & Mark Weaver for helping make this evening of service possible.



Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs' Ordination

The St. Alban's community is invited to Rev. Elisabeth's ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson. Carpool sign-ups will be provided in the parish hall. The color for the ordinations is red; if you are inspired, wear red!



By the *Grace of God*
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Brian R. Seage
Tenth Bishop of Mississippi
will ordain

Joseph Leslie Hegwood, Jr.
Myron Willis Lockey, Jr.
Brenda Mae McClendon
Elisabeth Jane Malphurs

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's
One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the eighteenth of January
two thousand and twenty
at half past ten o'clock in the morning
Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew
305 East Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Annual Parish Meeting Announced

January 26, 11:00 am

By Beth Guynes

It's that time again to prepare for the Annual Parish meeting! The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Nave on Sunday, January 26, immediately following a combined 10 a.m. service. At the meeting, we will hear reports from your church leadership and hold elections to fill vacant positions on the vestry.

Senior Warden and Vestry Positions

Beth Guynes, Senior Warden and Michael Southall, vestry member have completed their terms on the vestry. In addition, Mark and Stacy Weaver have resigned their co-Junior Warden position on the vestry due to work and family activities conflicting with vestry responsibilities. We thank Mark and Stacy for their service this past year.

The Vestry appointed Shane Lauritzen to complete the Junior Warden's remaining one year of the original two-year term. Shane's Junior Warden term will expire in January 2021. At the Annual Parish Meeting, in addition to electing a Senior Warden for a two-year term and a vestry member for a three-year term, we will also elect someone to complete Shane's remaining two years of his original three-year term as a vestry member.

Nominations for Vestry Positions

The Nominations Committee is already at work on a slate of nominees; however, nominations can be made by any member of the church before the meeting or from the floor after the meeting opens. Please get permission from your nominee to have his/her name presented at the meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for a vestry position prior to the meeting, please provide the name to Beth Guynes, Nominations Committee Chair.

Requirements to serve as a member of the vestry are contained in our church by-laws. Lay members of the Parish in good standing who are confirmed communicants, at least 21 years old, canonically resident in the parish and entitled to suffrage at the meeting are eligible to serve on the vestry. In good standing means, in part, that the member attends services at St. Alban's regularly and gives of their time, talent, and treasure to the church. Employees of the church are not eligible to serve on the vestry.

Mark Your Calendar

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
DOWNTOWN VICKSBURG

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR PEACE

SUNDAY JANUARY 5
5 - 6:15 PM

Carolling and Burning of the Greens closing the 12 days of Christmas. Bring your Christmas trees and your hopes and dreams for peace in this new year. There will be a bonfire. Y'all means all are welcome.

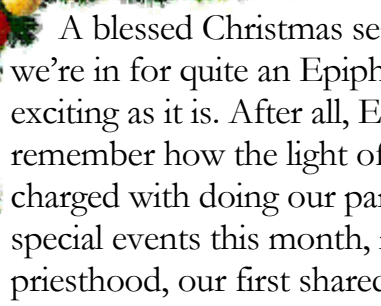
Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Programs Not Meeting in January

Due to our busy month, the youth group will not be meeting in January.

Stay tuned for information about our spring meetings!

Our third Sunday intergenerational event will be a potluck to celebrate Rev. Elisabeth's ordination.

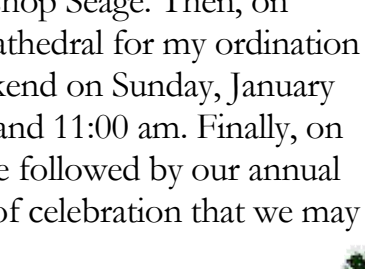
Elisabeth's Epistle



A blessed Christmas season to everyone! And hold on to your hats, because we're in for quite an Epiphany! I think it's appropriate that our January is as exciting as it is. After all, Epiphany is our season in the church when we remember how the light of Christ came into the world for everyone, and we are charged with doing our part to carry that light far and wide. We have several special events this month, including the Bishop's visit, my ordination to the priesthood, our first shared Eucharists together, and our annual parish meeting. Through them all, I hope we will ask ourselves how we are witnessing to the light that we know in Christ.

On a personal note, I'd like to tell you how grateful I am to this community for walking with me these past six months as I have served as a transitional deacon. We've been talking in our Inquirers' Class about the sacraments, and how they are "outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace." Ordination is no different, in that it is a confirmation of an invisible process that has been happening through the grace of God. The Bishop will lay his hands on my head on January 18, but he is confirming something that each of you has been participating in since I arrived at St. Alban's. This community has shaped the priesthood that will be confirmed on my ordination day. Each time you have trusted me with parts of your lives, or opened yourself to hearing my story, we have knit ourselves together as priest and people. I cannot be a priest alone. The Bishop will charge me on that day with the task of loving and serving the people among whom I work, "nourish[ing] Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen[ing] them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come" (BCP, 531). I am honored to be called to love and serve the St. Alban's community. My hope is that our ministry together will be nourishing for all of us, and for those to whom we carry the light of Christ.

So please mark your calendars...first for Sunday, January 12 at 10:00 am to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord with Bishop Seage. Then, on Saturday, January 18, you are invited to St. Andrew's Cathedral for my ordination at 10:30 am. We will continue our celebration that weekend on Sunday, January 19, when we celebrate Holy Eucharist together at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Finally, on Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 am we will have one service followed by our annual parish meeting. Let us all be strengthened by this time of celebration that we may bear the light of Christ far and wide.



January Birthdays

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| 1 Canada Stewart | 19 Kenon Ruska |
| 3 Lynda Hubbard | 26 Anna Selby |
| 4 Richard Selby | 27 Betsy Selby |
| 8 Mary Carleton | 29 Susan Price |
| 17 Sergio Panelo | |

Prayers for the People

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| Andy Katzenmeyer | Cindy Crevitt | Jim Farrell |
| Ann & Jimmy Jones | Clarence Lentz | Joan Leese |
| Ava Ahner | Cynthia Strawn | Laurie Reece |
| Barbara Ramsay | Cutler Lynn | Lee Davis Thames |
| Bertha Kolb | Dalton Glatt | Linda & Jim Dooley |
| Beth Sojourner | Dan & Mary Carleton | Newell Graham |
| Betty Biedenharn | David Wright | Nita Tassin |
| Blair Harris | Diane Bailey | Norma Jones |
| Bob & Sue Schyberg | Dianne Carlton | Peter Meyers |
| Bobbie Carlisle | Eugene Quarles | Rachel Sullivan |
| Brabston Cook | George Grimes | Rachelle Ferris |
| Brandi Tony | Gilda Faye Miller | Ron White |
| Carolyn Sullins | Glenda Ferguson | Sarah Rickard |
| Charlie Brantley & Family | Herb Jones | Scott |
| Christine Nelson | Irv Jones | Sheila Rosser |
| Charlie Lutz | Jackson Monti | Steve Webster |
| | Jeff Colvin | |

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Schedule of Events for January

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM & Rite II, 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, January 1—Church office closed. Healing Service & Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament at 6:00 p.m., The Rev. Deacon Josie, presider

Sunday, January 5—Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 5—*Light the Night for Peace, Eve of the Epiphany with Burning of the Greens*, Church of the Holy Trinity, 5:00-6:15 p.m. The Rev. Andy Andrews, celebrant. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth to deliver sermon. You are invited to bring your old Christmas tree and greenery to burn as we light the night for peace

Sunday, January 12—**ONE SERVICE: 10:00 a.m.** Bishop Seage Annual Visitation. Baptisms & Confirmations. Reception following the service

Saturday, January 18—Ordination of Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 19—Rev. Elisabeth's first Holy Eucharists. Youth Sunday. Potluck lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service

Sunday, January 26—**ONE SERVICE: 10:00 a.m.** Annual Parish Meeting following the service. Coffee, tea & sweets provided

Liturgical Schedule

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
		<i>Bishop's Visitation</i>		<i>Annual Parish Meeting</i>
LWL	8:30 am Tommy Skinner		Theo Williams	
	11:00 am Ann Tompkins	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	David Pruett
MC	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins
OT Lector	8:30 am Bitsy Sloan		Bitsy Sloan	
	11:00 am John Gibson	Mary Ruth Jones	Blair Harris	Ed Shelnut
Psalm			Henry Cooper	
Epistle			Gloria Hall	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Henry Cooper	Susan Price Peter Williams	Jennifer Normand Sam Hall	Koury Collins
Wooden Cross			Harris Southall	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	N/A	Carolyn Elisabeth Gent	The Southalls	Sharon Hanks Harvey Smith
Ushers & Greeters	Dawn Rickard Dale Gibson	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Allan Leese David Normand
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Harvey Smith	Deacon Elisabeth Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut
Altar Guild	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Elisabeth Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Coffee Host	Betsy Selby Ann Tompkins	Reception following service	Potluck	Coffee, tea & sweets provided
Nursery			April & Ashley	
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks
	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22
Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner